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SUBJECT: POLITICAL ROUNDUP - SECOND WEEK AFTER COUP

1. WEEK MARKED BY INTENSE POLITICAL ACTIVITY APPARENTLY
CONFINED EXCLUSIVELY TO ORGANIZING GROUPS AND DIVULGING
PROGRAMS IN MEDIA. WITHOUT EXCEPTION ALL GROUPS PLEDGE
SUPPORT TO JUNTA AND AT MINIMUM PROMISE CONTINUED MULTI-
RACIALISM IN ANGOLA. ONLY TWO GROUPS SHOW ANY DEPTH SO
FAR: DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT WHICH ORGANIZED MAY 3 PUBLIC
RALLY (LUANDA 286) AND WHICH APPEARS TO BE ULTRA-LEFTIST
COALITION; AND PRO-ANGOLA CIVIC ASSOCIATION WHICH APPEARS
TO PROVIDE NUCLEUS OF FUTURE WHITE-DOMINATED SEPARATIST
ORGANIZATION (MEMBERS ARE YOUNGER, WHITE ANGOLAN BUSINESSMEN).
NO BLACKS HAVE JOINED EITHER, OUT OF FEAR OR BECAUSE THEY
DO NOT WISH TO BE "USED", ACCORDING TO RELIABLE BLACK SOURCE.

2. TO ILLUSTRATE PLETHORA OF GROUPINGS, FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL
LISTING: CIVIC RIGHTS ASSOCIATION, SA DA BANDEIRA
(PLURICONTINENTAL AND MULTIRACIAL FEDERATIVE PORTUGAL);
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS; SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, LOBITO (POLITICAL AUTONOMY);
NATIONALIST WORKERS (INDEPENDENCE, CONTINUED COUNTERINSURGENCY,
FREE DIRECT ELECTIONS, CREATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN UNION WITH
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ALL BLACK AND WHITE STATES OF REGION PLUS MALAWI); LABOR

(CLEANSE CORRUPTION; RETURN LAND TO NATIVES); N'TO BAKO (PRO-PORTUGUESE NATIONALIST PACIFIST BAKONGO GROUP, PREVIOUSLY BELIEVED TO HAVE WITHERED AWAY IN EARLY 60'S); UNITED FRONT FOR INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA - FUICO (INDEPENDENCE WITHIN LUSITANIAN COMMONWEALTH); FEDERAL LIBERALS, MALANGE (SELF-DETERMINATION BUT ONLY AFTER "PEOPLE" EDUCATED).

3. STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT LUANDA UNIVERSITY CONTINUE MEETINGS WITHOUT HAVING ACHIEVED ANY PROGRAMS, TO DATE. WE UNDERSTAND UL HAS CEASED TO FUNCTION, WHILE GROUPS STRUGGLE WITH UNFAMILIAR ORGANIZATIONAL PROCESS.

4. SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (E.G. BUTCHERS) HAVE ISSUED MODEST DEMANDS FOR BETTER PRICE CONTROLS, WAGES, WORKING CONDITIONS, ETC. THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW ORDERLY MINI-DEMONSTRATIONS DURING WEEK.

5. RUMORS CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE AS TO WHO NEW GOVGEN WILL BE. WE HAVE HEARD NAME OF VASSALO DA SILVA, SAID TO HAVE BEEN LAST GOVGEN OF GOA.

6. ALL IN ALL, LUANDA'S CHARACTERISTIC CALM SEEMS TO HAVE REASSERTED ITSELF. ANGOLA IS NOT OFFERING MUCH COMPETITION TO MOZAMBIQUE WHERE OBVIOUSLY MORE INTERESTING AND ENERGETIC EVENTS ARE UNDERWAY AND FULLY REPORTED IN PRESS. BLACKS HERE REMAIN BY AND LARGE SILENT AND WATCHFUL. WHITES REMAIN SUBDUED AND APPREHENSIVE, ALTHOUGH WHIRLWIND VISIT BY GENERAL COSTA GOMES MAY 4-5 HELPED QUIET THEIR NERVES. FEW FOREIGN NEWSMEN NOW ON HAND, EXCEPT FOR JOHNSON OF NEW YORK TIMES (OUT OF LAGOS) WHO SAYS HE INTENDS TO STAY A WHILE, HOPING FOR SOME EXCITEMENT. (ACCORDING TO JOHNSON, TIMES HQ IN NEW YORK BELIEVES EARLY UDI IN ANGOLA LIKELY, BASED ON REPORTS THEY ARE RECEIVING FROM LISBON.)
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